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To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

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Mr. BIDEN (for himself, Mr. BAUCUS, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. CANTWELL, Mrs. CLINTON, Mr. DODD, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KOHL, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. OBAMA, Mr. REED, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. SMITH, Ms. STABENOW, and Mr. REID) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

To amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to enhance the COPS ON THE BEAT grant program, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “COPS Improvements
5 Act of 2007”.

1 **SEC. 2. COPS GRANT IMPROVEMENTS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1701 of the Omnibus
3 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
4 3796dd) is amended—

5 (1) by amending subsection (a) to read as fol-
6 lows:

7 “(a) GRANT AUTHORIZATION.—The Attorney Gen-
8 eral shall carry out grant programs under which the Attor-
9 ney General makes grants to States, units of local govern-
10 ment, Indian tribal governments, other public and private
11 entities, multi-jurisdictional or regional consortia, and in-
12 dividuals for the purposes described in subsections (b), (c),
13 (d), and (e).”;

14 (2) in subsection (b)—

15 (A) by striking the subsection heading text
16 and inserting “COMMUNITY POLICING AND
17 CRIME PREVENTION GRANTS”;

18 (B) in paragraph (3), by striking “, to in-
19 crease the number of officers deployed in com-
20 munity-oriented policing”;

21 (C) in paragraph (4), by inserting “or
22 train” after “pay for”;

23 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the
24 following:

25 “(5) award grants to hire school resource offi-
26 cers and to establish school-based partnerships be-

tween local law enforcement agencies and local school systems to combat crime, gangs, drug activities, and other problems in and around elementary and secondary schools;”;

(E) by striking paragraph (9);

(F) by redesignating paragraphs (10) through (12) as paragraphs (9) through (11), respectively;

(G) by striking paragraph (13);

(H) by redesignating paragraphs (14) through (17) as paragraphs (12) through (15), respectively;

(I) in paragraph (14), as so redesignated, by striking “and” at the end;

(J) in paragraph (15), as so redesignated, by striking the period at the end and inserting a semicolon; and

(K) by adding at the end the following:

“(16) establish and implement innovative programs to reduce and prevent illegal drug manufacturing, distribution, and use, including the manufacturing, distribution, and use of methamphetamine; and

1 “(17) award enhancing community policing and
 2 crime prevention grants that meet emerging law en-
 3 forcement needs, as warranted.”;

4 (3) by striking subsection (c);

5 (4) by striking subsections (h) and (i);

6 (5) by redesignating subsections (d) through (g)
 7 as subsections (f) through (i), respectively;

8 (6) by inserting after subsection (b) the fol-
 9 lowing:

10 “(c) TROOPS-TO-COPS PROGRAMS.—

11 “(1) IN GENERAL.—Grants made under sub-
 12 section (a) may be used to hire former members of
 13 the Armed Forces to serve as career law enforce-
 14 ment officers for deployment in community-oriented
 15 policing, particularly in communities that are ad-
 16 versely affected by a recent military base closing.

17 “(2) DEFINITION.—In this subsection, ‘former
 18 member of the Armed Forces’ means a member of
 19 the Armed Forces of the United States who is invol-
 20 untarily separated from the Armed Forces within
 21 the meaning of section 1141 of title 10, United
 22 States Code.

23 “(d) COMMUNITY PROSECUTORS PROGRAM.—The
 24 Attorney General may make grants under subsection (a)

1 to pay for additional community prosecuting programs, in-
2 cluding programs that assign prosecutors to—

3 “(1) handle cases from specific geographic
4 areas; and

5 “(2) address counter-terrorism problems, spe-
6 cific violent crime problems (including intensive ille-
7 gal gang, gun, and drug enforcement and quality of
8 life initiatives), and localized violent and other crime
9 problems based on needs identified by local law en-
10 forcement agencies, community organizations, and
11 others.

12 “(e) TECHNOLOGY GRANTS.—The Attorney General
13 may make grants under subsection (a) to develop and use
14 new technologies (including interoperable communications
15 technologies, modernized criminal record technology, and
16 forensic technology) to assist State and local law enforce-
17 ment agencies in reorienting the emphasis of their activi-
18 ties from reacting to crime to preventing crime and to
19 train law enforcement officers to use such technologies.”;

20 (7) in subsection (f), as so redesignated—

21 (A) in paragraph (1), by striking “to
22 States, units of local government, Indian tribal
23 governments, and to other public and private
24 entities,”;

1 (B) in paragraph (2), by striking “define
2 for State and local governments, and other pub-
3 lic and private entities,” and inserting “estab-
4 lish”;

5 (C) in the first sentence of paragraph (3),
6 by inserting “(including regional community po-
7licing institutes)” after “training centers or fa-
8cilities”; and

9 (D) by adding at the end the following:

10 “(4) EXCLUSIVITY.—The Office of Community
11 Oriented Policing Services shall be the exclusive
12 component of the Department of Justice to perform
13 the functions and activities specified in this para-
14 graph.”;

15 (8) in subsection (g), as so redesignated, by
16 striking “may utilize any component”, and all that
17 follows and inserting “shall use the Office of Com-
18 munity Oriented Policing Services of the Depart-
19 ment of Justice in carrying out this part.”;

20 (9) in subsection (h), as so redesignated—

21 (A) by striking “subsection (a)” the first
22 place that term appears and inserting “para-
23 graphs (1) and (2) of subsection (b)”;

24 (B) by striking “in each fiscal year pursu-
25 ant to subsection (a)” and inserting “in each

1 fiscal year for purposes described in paragraph
2 (1) and (2) of subsection (b)”;

3 (10) in subsection (i), as so redesignated, by
4 striking the second sentence; and

5 (11) by adding at the end the following:

6 “(j) RETENTION OF ADDITIONAL OFFICER POSI-
7 TIONS.—For any grant under paragraph (1) or (2) of sub-
8 section (b) for hiring or rehiring career law enforcement
9 officers, a grant recipient shall retain each additional law
10 enforcement officer position created under that grant for
11 not less than 12 months after the end of the period of
12 that grant, unless the Attorney General waives, wholly or
13 in part, the retention requirement of a program, project,
14 or activity.”.

15 (b) APPLICATIONS.—Section 1702 of the Omnibus
16 Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
17 3796dd–1) is amended—

18 (1) in subsection (c)—

19 (A) in the matter preceding paragraph (1),
20 by inserting “, unless waived by the Attorney
21 General” after “under this part shall”;

22 (B) by striking paragraph (8); and

23 (C) by redesignating paragraphs (9)
24 through (11) as paragraphs (8) through (10),
25 respectively; and

1 (2) by striking subsection (d).

2 (c) RENEWAL OF GRANTS.—Section 1703 of the Om-
 3 nibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
 4 U.S.C. 3796dd–2) is amended to read as follows:

5 **“SEC. 1703. RENEWAL OF GRANTS.**

6 “(a) IN GENERAL.—A grant made under this part
 7 may be renewed, without limitations on the duration of
 8 such renewal, to provide additional funds, if the Attorney
 9 General determines that the funds made available to the
 10 recipient were used in a manner required under an ap-
 11 proved application and if the recipient can demonstrate
 12 significant progress in achieving the objectives of the ini-
 13 tial application.

14 “(b) NO COST EXTENSIONS.—Notwithstanding sub-
 15 section (a), the Attorney General may extend a grant pe-
 16 riod, without limitations as to the duration of such exten-
 17 sion, to provide additional time to complete the objectives
 18 of the initial grant award.”.

19 (d) LIMITATION ON USE OF FUNDS.—Section 1704
 20 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of
 21 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd–3) is amended—

22 (1) in subsection (a), by striking “that would,
 23 in the absence of Federal funds received under this
 24 part, be made available from State or local sources”
 25 and inserting “that the Attorney General determines

would, in the absence of Federal funds received under this part, be made available for the purpose of the grant under this part from State or local sources”; and

(2) by striking subsection (c).

(e) ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—Section 1706 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3796dd–5) is amended—

(A) in the section heading, by striking

**“REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF FUND-
ING”** and inserting **“ENFORCEMENT AC-
TIONS”**; and

(B) by striking “revoke or suspend” and

all that follows and inserting “take any enforce-
ment action available to the Department of Jus-
tice.”.

(2) TECHNICAL AND CONFORMING AMEND-
MENT.—The table of contents of title I of the Omni-
bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
U.S.C. 3711) is amended by striking the item relat-
ing to section 1706 and inserting the following:

“Sec. 1706. Enforcement actions.”.

(f) DEFINITIONS.—Section 1709(1) of the Omnibus
Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C.
3796dd–8(1)) is amended—

1 (1) by inserting “who is a sworn law enforce-
2 ment officer” after “permanent basis”; and

3 (2) by inserting “, including officers for the
4 Amtrak Police Department” before the period at the
5 end.

6 (g) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—Section
7 1001(11) of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets
8 Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3793(11)) is amended—

9 (1) in subparagraph (A), by striking
10 “1,047,119,000” and inserting “1,150,000,000”;
11 and

12 (2) in subparagraph (B)—

13 (A) in the first sentence, by striking “3
14 percent” and inserting “5 percent”; and

15 (B) by striking the second sentence and in-
16 serting the following: “Of the funds available
17 for grants under part Q, not less than
18 \$600,000,000 shall be used for grants for the
19 purposes specified in section 1701(b), not more
20 than \$200,000,000 shall be used for grants
21 under section 1701(d), and not more than
22 \$350,000,000 shall be used for grants under
23 section 1701(e).”.

1 (h) PURPOSES.—Section 10002 of the Public Safety
 2 Partnership and Community Policing Act of 1994 (42
 3 U.S.C. 3796dd note) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (4), by striking “development”
 5 and inserting “use”; and

6 (2) in the matter following paragraph (4), by
 7 striking “for a period of 6 years”.

8 (i) COPS PROGRAM IMPROVEMENTS.—

9 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 109(b) of the Omni-
 10 bus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42
 11 U.S.C. 3712h(b)) is amended—

12 (A) by striking paragraph (1);

13 (B) by redesignating paragraphs (2) and
 14 (3) as paragraphs (1) and (2), respectively; and

15 (C) in paragraph (2), as so redesignated,
 16 by inserting “, except for the program under
 17 part Q of this title” before the period.

18 (2) LAW ENFORCEMENT COMPUTER SYS-
 19 TEMS.—Section 107 of the Omnibus Crime Control
 20 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3712f) is
 21 amended by adding at the end the following:

22 “(c) EXCEPTION.—This section shall not apply to any
 23 grant made under part Q of this title.”.

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